GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INDIRA GANDHI CANAL PROJECT IN RAJASTHAN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount is being spent on safe drinking water every year in Rajasthan out of the Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) whether work on the Indira Gandhi Canal Project has been held up in the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be completed; and

(e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to make available drinking water in drought prone areas of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a): As per the information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, the amount spent out of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) on water supply schemes during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is `Rs 500 lakh` and `Nil` respectively.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The project is likely to be completed by 2006-07.

(e): The Government of Rajasthan has informed that in order to provide water on drought prone areas of the State, 4443 hand pumps (2472 under summer contingency and 1971 under other programme) and 607 tube wells (with power pumps) were constructed and commissioned. Under hand pump repair campaign, 108345 hand pumps were repaired out of total 174038 hand pumps existing in the State. Water transportation was also resorted for 2108 habitations by deploying 925 tankers. For 9 urban towns (affected) 1387.69 lakh litre water was transported by train (292 trains, 4635 wagons).